PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the physically handicapped men and women of South Dakota are useful citizens who have a just and rightful place in the economic, social and political life of our State, and

WHEREAS, employment records have proven that handicapped workers when properly trained and placed, are of great value to business, industry, agriculture and government, and

WHEREAS, surveys and studies which have been conducted in widely differing fields have shown that handicapped workers are adaptable, productive, careful, regular, reliable and capable, and

WHEREAS, the employment of the physically handicapped has proven beneficial not only to themselves but also to employers and to the community and the State as a whole, thus constituting a valuable source of manpower, and

WHEREAS, in recognition of our responsibility to citizens who have been physically handicapped by war or are otherwise disabled, the State and National governments have provided special training, vocational rehabilitation and selective placement for the handicapped, and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has designated the first week in October of each year as "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week" and has urged the people of this State and Nation to join in appropriate ceremonies, and

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOE FOSS, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby designate and proclaim the week beginning October 5-11, 1958 as NATIONAL EMPLOY THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED WEEK and call upon the people of this State to cooperate with the officials of our State and Nation and with the public-spirited citizens in our communities to promote the program of employment for the physically handicapped; and I especially call upon the leaders of industry, agriculture and labor, and civic, veterans', and farm organizations, to render full support to the observance of this week and to the effective implementation of this vital program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 23 day of September, 1958.

Joe Foss

Governor of South Dakota

Attest:

Clara Hall

Secretary of State

By Ann Thiem, Asst Secy

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